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24. The wafer enclosure of claim 23 wherein the first cushion base portion is integral with the first engagement portions, and the second cushion base portion is integral with the second engagement portions and the first cushion base portion is not integral with the second cushion base portion.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

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25. (Amended) A wafer enclosure for holding a plurality of axially aligned wafers, the enclosure comprising a door with a cushion system thereon, the cushion system comprising a plurality of wafer engagement portions to engage each sequential wafer, each sequential wafer engagement portion circumferentially offset with respect to adjacent wafer engagement portions, the door having a surface with a plurality of apertures extending therethrough, the cushion system having a plurality of prongs extending therefrom for insertion and engagement with the door at said aperture, the cushion system comprised of PEEK.

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#### REMARKS

Further amendments have been made to more particularly describe the invention in view of the prior art.

Claim 13 now has the attachment limitations of the aperture and prongs claimed.

Claim 20 was unclear as originally allowed in that the prongs were engaging the wafers rather than the wall surface. This has now been clarified.

Claim 21, as amended, is believed to be allowable in that it claims the aperture with the attachment of the wafer cushion at the aperture and the cushion comprised of PEEK. This is believed to be novel and nonobvious over the cited and known art and is consistent with what are believed to be the novel and nonobvious features of the previously allowed claims.

Claim 22, as amended, is believed to be allowable in that it claims the aperture with the attachment at the wafer cushion at the aperture, engagement of the sequential wafers by alternate

ones of the two pluralities of engagement portions. This is believed to be novel and nonobvious over the cited and known art and is consistent with what are believed to be the novel and nonobvious features of the previously allowed claims.

Claims 23 and 24 depend on what are contended to be allowable base claims and add limitations which describe the specific embodiment of the invention as shown in the figures.

Claim 25 is believed to be allowable over the cited and known art in that it claims the aperture with the attachment of the wafer cushion at the aperture with prongs and the cushion comprised of PEEK. This is believed to be novel and nonobvious and is consistent with what are believed to be the novel and nonobvious features of the previously allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,



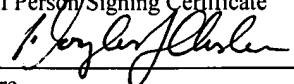
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